

Saudi prince arrives in Fez

RABAT (R) — Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal arrived in the eastern Moroccan city of Fez Sunday night with a message from King Fahd to King Hassan of Morocco, the Moroccan News Agency said. It gave no further details, but King Hassan sent a message to King Fahd a few days ago which informed sources said was related to the work of a seven-member commission set up at the Arab summit in Fez last month.

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Steadfastness committee to meet

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Joint Palestinian-Jordanian Committee for Supporting the Steadfastness of the Occupied Territories will meet in Amman Monday, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) sources told the Jordan Times Sunday. The sources also said that Khalil Al Wazir, popularly known as Abu Jihad, a member of the Fateh Movement's Central Committee, was expected to arrive in Amman Monday to attend the meeting. The committee comprises Jordanian government ministers and senior PLO officials.

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German leader visit Syria

AMASCUS (R) — East German Head of State Erich Honecker will begin a four-day official visit to Syria Monday during which he will have talks on Middle East developments, questions of mutual interest and bilateral relations, the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) said Sunday night. It said Mr. Honecker will have two rounds of talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and will visit a Syrian military base and the Euphrates dam. A Palestinian source said they expected PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to arrive in Damascus during the next three days to confer with the East German leader. Mr. Honecker is due to leave Damascus on Thursday for official visits to Cyprus and Kuwait.

Land devalues arka 6 per cent

ILSINKI (R) — Finland's ruokkoalition devalued the markka six per cent Sunday and imposed what it described as an excessive price freeze until Dec. 15, was the second devaluation of currency within a week, and after reports of impending de-scale lay-offs in the important forestry industries sector, land devalued by four per cent Wednesday but its political leaders said later the 16 per cent devaluation by Sweden on Friday led them to review economic policy. Finland and Sweden are trading partners but are also competitors in world markets, particularly in pulp, paper and forest products.

Underground leaders call for strikes on Nov. 10

ARSAW (R) — Solidarity underground movement leaders called Sunday for strikes and demonstrations on Nov. 10 in protest against Friday's ban on their union the Sejm (parliament). A leader distributed in Warsaw and signed by four union activists who set up a national coordinating committee for the underground and the protests for the second anniversary of Solidarity's legalisation.

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Israeli officer wounded in Alek

IRUT (R) — Gunmen ambushed a jeep Sunday and wounded an Israeli soldier in the mountain of Alek, where six soldiers and 22 were wounded in an ambush a week ago, an Israeli military spokesman said. Lebanese army sources said Israeli troops scoured off the area and began retreating for the attackers. The angust radio "Voice of Lebanon" said Sunday night Israeli troops had imposed a curfew on Alek district. It is still not clear who was involved in the attack a week ago, when gunmen fired on a bus carrying soldiers along the main Beirut-Naous highway on the edge of the area. The area has been under the control of Israeli forces since the stages of their invasion of the region.

Reisky meets Burguiba today

NIS (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, on a day official visit to Tunisia, met today with Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essebsi, the Tunis News Agency reported. Essebsi said they discussed the situation in the Middle East bilateral relations. Dr. Kreisky Monday meets President Habib Bourguiba, said on Saturday that he was pessimistic about Israel's will to reach a peaceful solution in the Middle East. Speaking Saturday night at a dinner hosted by Tunisian Prime Minister Mohamed Mzali, Dr. Kreisky said failure to find a peaceful solution to the Palestinian problem would bring more troubles and increase the prospect of war. Kreisky said the issue was the real problem of the region.

King, Arafat discuss formula for joint political action

By Samira Kassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A closed and lengthy round of talks was held Sunday evening between His Majesty King Hussein and visiting Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat. The two leaders further discussed a formula for joint Jordanian-Palestinian political action worked out during their first session of talks on Saturday. After Sunday's talks the King hosted a dinner banquet in honour of the PLO delegation.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Arafat presided over a meeting comprising PLO Executive Committee members Abdul Rahim Ahmad, Dr. Hanna Nasir, Jamal Sourani, Hamid Abu Sittah, Brig.-Gen. Abdul Razzaq Al Yahya and Muhammad Zuhdi Nashed. Also attending the meeting was PLO Central Committee member Rafiq Al Natsbeh. Discussions during the meeting centred on the results of the session of talks held Saturday between the King and Mr. Arafat.

The Jordan Times learned from PLO sources that a formula for joint Jordanian-Palestinian action was worked out during Saturday's talks. The formula includes the formation of several joint Jordanian-Palestinian committees which will soon be announced. These committees will work on the international scale

within the new framework of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian accord. This joint Jordanian-Palestinian strategy will serve as a basis for the development and implementation of the Arab peace solution proposed by the Arab summit conference at Fez.

The Jordan Times also learned that the new joint Jordanian-Palestinian political strategy will be put before the Palestine National Council (PNC) for approval during a session expected to be held towards the end of October or in early November in Tunis. But the PNC will only meet after the seven-member follow-up committee formed at the Arab summit conference at Fez has met at foreign minister level in Rabat on Oct. 25 to discuss the results of contacts made by committee members with leaders throughout the world.

More PLO Executive Committee members are expected to arrive in Amman Monday to join the Jordanian-Palestinian talks and participate in Executive Committee meetings being presided over by Mr. Arafat. Dr. Ahmad Sidqi Dajani will be arriving from Cairo and Mr. Yasser Abd Rabbo will arrive from Damascus. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas arrived from Tunis Sunday evening.

A large number of Palestinians in Jordan called on Mr. Arafat at the Guest Palace on Sunday morning to bid him welcome. They included the former mayor of Jerusalem Rouhi Al-Khatib, the former mayor of Halhoul Mohammad Milhem, Helvon Mayor Fahd Al Qawasm, Ramallah Mayor Nadim Zarou and Sheikh Rajab Bayoud Tamimi, all deported by the Israeli occupation forces from the West Bank. Flanked by Archbishop Elia Khoury, Sheikh Tamimi and Mr. Khatib, Mr. Arafat said: "This is the spirit of Jerusalem, all of us together like this."

Representatives from the Palestinian camps also visited Mr. Arafat, and he was presented with an embroidered Palestinian peasant dress depicting the Palestinian flag made by young girls from Baqa'a refugee camp. As friends, relatives, PNC members and Palestinian intellectuals thronged around Mr. Arafat to embrace him and speak with him, an atmosphere of warmth and informality prevailed over what seemed to be a family reunion.

Asked by a reporter on the state of Palestinian-Jordanian relations, Mr. Arafat said that the PLO "has a strong relation with Jordan, its King and government, and especially its people." He said that the Jordanians and Palestinians were "historically one people in one nation."

At 5 p.m., over 500 people from the Palestinian refugee camps and other parts of Amman thronged the courtyard of the PLO office in Amman, waiting for Mr. Arafat to come and speak to them. They chanted nationalistic Palestinian slogans such as Revolution Until Victory and some of them carried posters of Mr. Arafat. Their frenzy intensified into a maddening stampede as he arrived. Women cried and ululated, and scores of men, women and children pushed and jostled to make visual and physical contact with the PLO chairman.

Addressing the cheering crowd, Mr. Arafat said that the resistance put up by the joint Palestinian-Lebanese forces during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the siege of Beirut had once and for all dispelled the myth of the invincibility of the Israeli war machine. Israeli casualties in Lebanon had been greater than the sum total of Israeli casualties in all previous Arab-Israeli wars, a fact verified by (Israeli army chief of staff) Gen. Eitan himself, who three weeks ago admitted that 2,561 Israeli soldiers had been killed and wounded in Lebanon, Mr. Arafat said. He also reaffirmed the PLO's



Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat Sunday addresses a crowd of

Palestinians who came to greet him at the PLO office in Amman (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

position that resistance inside the Israeli-occupied territories will continue.

Referring to the massacre committed by the Israelis and their allies in Sabra and Shatila, Mr. Arafat pointed out that U.S. envoy Philip Habib had given him assurances through the Lebanese government that Palestinian civilians in Beirut would be safe after the withdrawal of Palestinian fighters. He said that he had registered strong protest to the Italian foreign minister that the agreement reached with Philip Habib through negotiations had been broken by the premature withdrawal of the multinational force from Beirut and the Israeli occupation of west Beirut. The Italian minister said this was true but that Philip Habib and Bashir Gemayel had pressured for the withdrawal

of the multinational force 16 days before they were scheduled to leave Beirut, Mr. Arafat said. He concluded that this pointed to the fact that both Habib and Gemayel had plotted the Sabra and Shatila massacres in advance.

The massacres, he said, were aimed at terrorising the Palestinian people and humiliating them into surrender. "But this would not work, because the Palestinians are a people of martyrdom."

Mr. Arafat said the joint Palestinian-Lebanese forces had lost 72,000 dead, injured and missing.

"In 1976, 3,500 Palestinians were massacred in Tal Al Za'tar. Another 5,000 Palestinians were massacred in Sabra and Shatila. Such acts would not subdue the Palestinian spirit of resistance."

which stood fast in Beirut and kept the Israelis at bay for 79 days, a spirit of either victory or martyrdom. Palestinians will continue to give their blood until we reach Jerusalem," he told the cheering crowd.

He paid tribute to the 400,000 Israeli civilians and soldiers who had registered strong protest against the Israeli atrocities in Lebanon. They verified and embodied the true spirit of article 15 of the charter of the PNC which calls for a democratic secular state in Palestine, he said.

On Monday, Mr. Arafat will pay a visit to a Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) camp, where 265 PLA fighters who returned from Lebanon after participating in fighting against the Israeli invasion are based.

Iraq says 1 Iranian jet downed

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Sunday night its planes shot down an Iranian Phantom fighter in a dogfight over Ilam, in western Iran.

The Iraqi high command said its aircraft were intercepted by Iranian jets while raiding Iranian positions and military targets in the central sector of the Gulf war.

The Iranian Phantom was hit and exploded in mid-air while other Iranian planes fled, it said.

Israel announces objectives

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli government Sunday formally spelled out its objectives in Lebanon and said it still wanted to reach a peace agreement with the country's leaders.

After a debate over the past two weeks, the cabinet issued a statement saying it had adopted a series of resolutions on Lebanon.

They contained no new demands but made clear that Israel would continue to seek a peace treaty with Lebanon, despite the assassination of its ally, President-elect Bashir Gemayel. His successor and brother, Amin

Gemayel, is regarded as less sympathetic.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor told reporters, however, that the government was not making a peace agreement a condition for withdrawing its forces from Lebanon.

The statement listed the conditions for pulling out troops:

--The remaining Palestinian commandos in north Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley must depart first.

--Syrian and Israeli forces will leave simultaneously.

--All Israeli prisoners and the

bodies of dead soldiers must be handed over.

--Security arrangements must be established to guarantee the former Palestinian commandos strongholds in Lebanon "will not again revert to becoming a base and launching ground for aggressive acts against Israel."

American envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper have begun negotiations for a withdrawal of all foreign forces—Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian—from Lebanon.

Mr. Meridor said the government wanted the negotiations "to be much more rapid than they have been up to now."

Pym meets Assad

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad told British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym Sunday that Europe held "effective cards" in the quest for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

The official Syrian News Agency (SANA) quoted the President as telling Mr. Pym that Syria was interested in peace, but Israel wanted war. He urged the United States to cut back its arms supplies to Israel.

Mr. Pym arrived Saturday on his first visit to the Middle East since he took office in April. He travels on to Cairo Monday.

SANA quoted Mr. Assad as saying in talks this afternoon at the presidential palace: "Europe, like us, has an interest in peace, and it possesses effective cards in the Middle East peace process."

He did not elaborate, but Syria believes Britain and other European powers can influence Washington's policy on Israel.

"If the Americans are serious about working for peace, they must stop this big flow of arms to Israel, which cannot serve peace," SANA quoted the Syrian President as telling Mr. Pym.

"The search for peace remains the best method, but peace requires the will of all parties, not the will of one party, while war can be the result of the will of one party, as is the case now with Israel," he added.

Egypt, Sudan to sign integration agreement

CAIRO (R) — A joint Egyptian-Sudanese parliament will be set up under the terms of an integration agreement due to be signed this week, the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram reported Sunday.

It said the joint parliament would comprise 40 deputies from the two countries' parliaments including their present speakers and 20 others appointed in even shares by Presidents Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Jaafar Numeiri of Sudan.

The integration agreement, due to be signed in Khartoum on Tuesday by the two heads of states, was said by Egyptian officials to be aimed at boosting the two countries' eight-year-old cooperation

in political, military and economic fields.

Apart from the joint-parliament, Al-Ahram added, two other authorities will be set up to run the two countries' common affairs. They are the Supreme Council of Integration and the Economic Integration Fund.

The council, which will be headed in turn by the leaders of the two countries and include eight members chosen in equal numbers by them, will meet twice a year to review the implementation of the integration agreement, the newspaper said.

The council will report to the joint parliament once every 12 months on the achievements of joint projects carried out within the agreement.

Cairo calls for military balance with Israel

CAIRO (R) — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali called Sunday for a military balance between Egypt and Israel within the framework of arms control for the Middle East.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted Mr. Ali as saying "Egypt could only accept a military balance with Israel reached as part of comprehensive arms control agreements for the Middle East as a whole."

Mr. Ali, speaking before Egypt's staff academy, said such agreements would help bring a comprehensive and just settlement in the region. He did not say whether Egypt was planning to take action in this direction.

Accusing Israel of capitalising on its peace with Egypt, Mr. Ali

said: "It was a mistake if anybody, especially Israel, concluded that the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty has defused the prospects of confrontation and explosion in the region."

"Things could not remain this way for a long time," the Egyptian minister said, adding that a separate peace is fragile and shaky. Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty in 1979 after more than 30 years of hostilities.

Mr. Ali also warned that Egypt would not, under any circumstances, accept what he said was Israel's intimidation of its Arab neighbours to achieve its political objectives.

He was referring to Israel's military thrust into Lebanon in June and last month's massacres of Palestinian refugees in west Beirut.

Bavarian state election kicks off with slow start

MUNICH, West Germany (R) — Officials reported a slow start to voting in Sunday's Bavarian State election, a poll which could affect the balance within West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's new centre-right coalition in Bonn.

They said the turnout was unlikely to top the 77 per cent by the eight million-strong electorate in the last Bavarian election in 1978. The weather was cloudy but dry.

Sunday's election, the first since Mr. Kohl took over the national leadership after unseating Social Democratic (SPD) leader Helmut Schmidt in an historic no-confidence vote nine days ago, is widely seen as a test of public reaction to the changeover.

State Premier Franz Josef Strauss' Christian Social Union

(CSU), which won 59.1 per cent of the vote in 1978, is expected to retain its absolute majority in the 204-seat Bavarian Assembly.

The liberal Free Democrats (FDP), who brought about Mr. Schmidt's downfall by joining forces with Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) and the CSU in Bonn, are defending a 6.2 per cent share of the vote, dangerously near the five per cent limit needed for representation in the assembly.

A failure in Bavaria, hard on the heels of its removal from parliament in state elections in Hesse two weeks ago, could upset the FDP's position as a balance to the right-wing CSU in Mr. Kohl's cabinet.

The FDP has come under attack

from Mr. Strauss, who has been running a strongly regionalistic campaign in the "free state" of Bavaria that he has come to regard as his own.

The FDP, and its leader, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, have also drawn fire from leftwingers in the party, who see the FDP's switch as a betrayal of promises made to its former coalition partners, the SPD, in the 1980 national election.

A special regional party conference in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg Saturday called on Mr. Genscher not to stand for the party leadership when the FDP meets next month in Berlin.

An opinion poll in the news magazine Spiegel showed that Mr. Genscher's popularity had fallen

sharply since his party's about-face in Bonn.

The poll, taken last week, showed that if national elections were held next Sunday, the FDP could not hope to be represented in the Bundestag (lower house) in Bonn.

In contrast to the FDP, the SPD has rallied strongly since Mr. Kohl took power.

It polled 31.4 per cent in Bavaria in 1978 and party officials expect Mr. Schmidt's personal popularity to bring in a strong sympathy vote Sunday at the expense of the FDP.

Mr. Schmidt has urged Bavarians to show what they think of the government switch in Bonn by voting the liberals out of the State Assembly.

If the FDP were to disappear in

Bavaria, the group most strongly opposed to replace him is the radical Ecologist Greens Party.

It has performed strongly in West Germany's last seven regional elections and seized the balance of power from the FDP in Hamburg in June and in Hesse two weeks ago.

Conservative Bavaria has so far proved relatively unresponsive to the party's environmentalist and anti-nuclear ideas, but the greens could win support from young voters who have tired of the traditional political parties.

The greens polled 1.8 per cent of the Bavarian vote last time, but the same Spiegel opinion poll showed that the party could now expect seats in the Bonn parliament in national elections.

Saudis warn pilgrims against political activities

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabian Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ibn Abdulaziz has warned that Muslims who defy a ban on political activity during the annual pilgrimage to Mecca will in future be charged by police, the official Saudi Press Agency said Sunday.

Prince Nayef said 140 people, including the leader of the Iranian pilgrims, Hojatoleslam Mohammad Hussein Mousavi Kho'ini, had been deported for violating Saudi rules during this year's pilgrimage which ended last month, but future offenders would be charged, it reported.

The agency said last week that 69 Iranians were expelled from the kingdom after clashes with Saudi police in Medina on Thursday in which 19 people were injured.

Last month, Saudi police prevented a crowd of Iranian pilgrims chanting slogans from marching through the city of Medina and confiscated pictures of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Prince Nayef accused the pilgrims then of violating the spirit of the Mecca pilgrimage and indulging in "Iranian publicity."

Prince Nayef also said trouble-makers would not be allowed to return to Mecca unless they changed their behaviour, the agency added.

Swedish navy says spy sub possibly escaped

BERGA, Sweden (R) — A foreign submarine hunted by the Swedish navy for the past 10 days near its Muskego naval base may have escaped, the supreme commander of the Swedish armed forces said Sunday night.

Gen. Lennart Ljung said in a statement read to reporters that a submarine had definitely been trapped in the Haarsjaerd, 60 kilometres south of Stockholm.

"It might still be there but the probability decreases as time goes by," the statement said.

The search would continue at the same intense level, the supreme commander added.

He said that if the submarine had escaped, it could have done so as early as Oct. 1 when the hunt first began, or between Oct. 5 and 7 when the navy dropped several depth charges at one of the fjord's exits.

The navy said last week it believed it was dealing with two submarines, one inside the fjord and the other in Swedish waters outside the sealed off area.

General Ljung said Sunday night it was not clear whether the two suspects were not in fact one and the same vessel.

The general said: "There has been a submarine within the traps... if it has escaped it is not sure when this happened."

Asked if this in effect signalled the end of Sweden's latest submarine scare, official navy spokesman Sven Carlsson told Reuters: "It might still be here... we are going to continue the search with the same resources."

He said there was a slight possibility the intruder was lying flat on the seabed with its batteries flat but he thought this most unlikely.

Military dictatorship ends in Bolivia

LA PAZ (R) — Two years of military dictatorship drew to an end in Bolivia Sunday as the armed forces prepared to hand over power to civilian President-elect Hernan Siles Zuazo.

Outgoing President Gen. Guido Vildoso fulfilled one of his last official duties by receiving the heads of more than 40 foreign delegations attending the swearing-in of the new leader.

Hours before the ceremony, supporters of the new left-wing

president gathered in front of the parliament building in Murillo Square.

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Sidewalks but no water

In Amman there is a craze for sidewalks. Everywhere gaping holes prove that very soon strollers will enjoy walking on new sidewalks.

But everything has a price, and in almost all areas where sidewalks are being erected more or less serious incidents have been reported.

The most common is the bursting of water pipes that transforms the excavations performed by the municipality into real pools.

On the Sixth Circle in Jabal Amman such an incident has been reported. The excavation that caused the bursting of the water pipes took place on Sept. 20.

The people living there reported the incident to the persons concerned and received satisfactory answers and lots of promises. Time passed, complaints increased, excuses too.

"You know we were on holiday for the feast but within two days everything will be settled."

The two days stretched indefinitely. Today the "swimming pools" are still there and the people living in the neighbourhood have to resort to private water tanks to fill their reservoirs.

Moral: To have a sidewalk in front of your house, you should be deprived of water for some time.

'Israeli measures against Arab educational institutions are part of expansionist plan'

AMMAN (Petra) — "Israel's arbitrary measures against school teachers and educational institutions in occupied Arab territories are designed to force such institutions to close down and their staff and students to leave their homeland," Minister of Education Sa'ad Al Tal said here Sunday.

Opening a four-day meeting of the Palestinian Educational Affairs Council, Dr. Tal said that "these measures, designed to force all Arab youth to leave their homeland, are part of an overall Israeli plan to achieve its expansionist ambitions in Palestine."

During its four-day meeting, the Palestinian Educational Affairs Council will discuss conditions of schools for Palestinian children

in Lebanon in the aftermath of Israel's invasion on June 6, educational institutions in occupied Arab territories, and Israel's measures against Arab schools, staff and curricula and textbooks.

Also on the agenda is a decision by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and its "constant threats" to close schools because of an "alleged deficit" in funds and the effect of such measures on Palestinian refugees.

Taking part in the meeting are representatives from Jordan, Syria, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the Arab League and the Arab League Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ALESCO).

Phosphate Mines Company moves against transgression on property

ZARQA (Petra) — The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company Sunday set up a team to demolish all unlawful buildings on the property of the company and state-owned land nearby.

In a meeting, attended by JPMC directors, representatives of companies charged with building such structures and the acting governor of Zarqa also decided to take strict measures to ensure that no such

acts of transgression are repeated in future.

An announcement made after the meeting said all unlawful buildings on JPMC property and on state-owned land nearby will be removed and called on all citizens and companies to refrain from constructing any buildings on state-owned land and warned that the violators alone will bear the losses that may ensue.

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Hussein condoles Al Shobaki family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday delegated the governor of Ma'an to take part in a funeral for former Public Works Minister Ahmad Al Shobaki and to convey his sympathy to Al Shobaki family. Prime Minister Mudar Badran also delegated the police director in Ma'an Governorate to convey his condolence to Al Shobaki family. Mr. Shobaki, who died early Sunday, had served in several ministerial posts and one time had been member of the National Consultative Council (NCC).

Kuwait meeting to discuss Arabsat tenders

AMMAN (Petra) — Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) Director General Mohammad Shahed Ismail left for Kuwait Sunday to attend an extraordinary board meeting of Arab Satellite Communication Organisation (Arabsat) due to open Monday. The board will discuss in its two-day meeting the subject of floating tenders for monitoring stations for the projected Arab satellite. Mr. Ismail said in a pre-departure statement.

Arab Air Cargo Company to expand

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Air Cargo Company (AACC) board of directors discussed in Baghdad Saturday the prospect of expanding the company and transforming it into a major Arab air carrier company, according to a spokesman for Jordanian members of the board. Speaking upon returning from Baghdad the spokesman said that the board of directors headed by the chairman of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, Ali Ghandour, endorsed all the company's by-laws and operation plans.

Aqaba to impose strict hygiene measures

AQABA (Petra) — The Aqaba Public Safety Committee took several decisions in a meeting here Sunday to guarantee cleanliness of the seashore and different quarters of the city. According to the committee's decision, hotels, bakeries, restaurants and sweetmeat shops are to be subjected to scrutinised hygiene and supplies control.

Japanese envoy visits Yarmouk University

IRBID (Petra) — Japanese Ambassador to Jordan Keiichi Tachibana Sunday visited Yarmouk University and met with its President Adnan Badran. They discussed ways of bolstering cultural cooperation between Jordanian and Japanese universities. Dr. Badran briefed the ambassador on the university's plans and programmes and then accompanied him on a tour of the university's engineering workshops, and laboratories.

W.German professor discusses cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) — Special education professor at Kassel University in West Germany, Dr. Adrian Kniel, Sunday discussed the prospects of cooperation between his university and the Social Works College in special education for handicapped people at a meeting here with the college's director, Dr. Kniel also gave a lecture at the college on the role of teachers in the field of special education to retarded children. Listening to the lecture was the director of the Goethe Institute in Amman as well as teachers and students of the Social Works College.



Her Majesty Queen Noor inspects patients' records shown to her by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas (to the Queen's right) during a tour of various health centres Sunday (Petra photo)

Queen Noor tours health centres

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday made a tour of several health centres in Amman, Naour, Umm Al Basatin and Madaba.

The Queen, accompanied by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, first visited the mother and child-care centre at Wadi Surur District. She inspected the centre's activities and services and met with mothers and children who were seeking health advice. She also met with the centre's staff and was briefed on the centre's needs.

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Training course to start on marine life in Red Sea, Gulf of Aden

AMMAN (J.T.) — A training course on marine fauna and fishing in the Red Sea is due to open at the Marine Research Station in Aqaba on Oct. 16, according to Abdul Ghani Al Nahar, head of the Veterinary Department at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Dr. Nahar Sunday told the Jordan Times that the two-week training course is organised in cooperation with the University of Jordan, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Dr. Nahar said the Ministry of Agriculture will be represented by Mr. Fathi Kilani and Mr. Ibrahim Al Sheikh. All countries bordering the Red Sea and Aden Gulf will take part in the course, Dr. Nahar said.

Dr. Nahar noted that the course will discuss several topics related to preservation of some fish species and their contribution towards solving the growing food crisis.

Dajani leaves for ALO meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Labour Office will discuss the implementation of a programme for technical cooperation between the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) and Arab states at a meeting which started in Baghdad Sunday, according to Amman Chamber of Commerce Director General Ali Dajani.

Speaking before his departure for the Iraqi capital to take part in the four-day meeting, Mr. Dajani said Sunday that the agenda also includes an ALO plan for launching inter-Arab cooperation in vocational training and a report on the fourth Arab seminar on social security which was held in May.

Also on the agenda is the question offering assistance to victims of Israel's invasion of Lebanon as well as Iran's aggression on Iraq. Taking part in the meeting are delegates from Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates as well as ALO director and senior officials.

Jordan to display products at Baghdad International Fair

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Jordan's pavilion at Baghdad International Fair due to open early next month will exhibit products by 150 Jordanian companies, according to the commercial attaché at the Jordanian Embassy here.

He said that the Iraqi government has extended an invitation to Jordan's Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour to attend the fair's opening ceremony.

More than 70 countries are expected to participate in the fair, the attaché added.

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Population and family life education seminar opens

Hassan stresses need for social development

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday opened at Princess Rahmeh Community Development Centre at 'Allan a consultative conference on population and family life education.

"Jordan is keen on promoting social development and raising the standard of living for all citizens and for this purpose the government is planning to spend JD 670 million in health and educational sectors within the current five-year development plan," Prince Hassan said.

He said that the government's interest in social development "does not mean minimising the role of individuals and families in urban and rural regions."

"On the contrary," he said, "we find it imperative on us to expand economic projects in rural regions so as to build up its local society."

Also addressing the opening session was United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) representative Salah Jum'a who reviewed the organisation's activities in agricultural development, especially in developing nations.

He laid stress on the role of women in development and in agricultural production.

Another speaker was Mr. Adnan Ra'ouf, representative of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities, outlined the role of the fund in social development and the role of women in rural development.

The centre's Director Isam Al Zawawi spoke about the role that the centre can play in cooperation with other organisations in Jordan, and outlined the centre's efforts in developing local communities' health, agricultural, cultural and developmental activities.

Speaking on behalf of the West German Konrad Adenauer Foundation, co-organiser of the five-day conference, was Michael Lange, who said that the foundation carries out socio-economic and educational programmes in West

development, women movements, agricultural extension service and cooperatives as well as vocational training programmes.

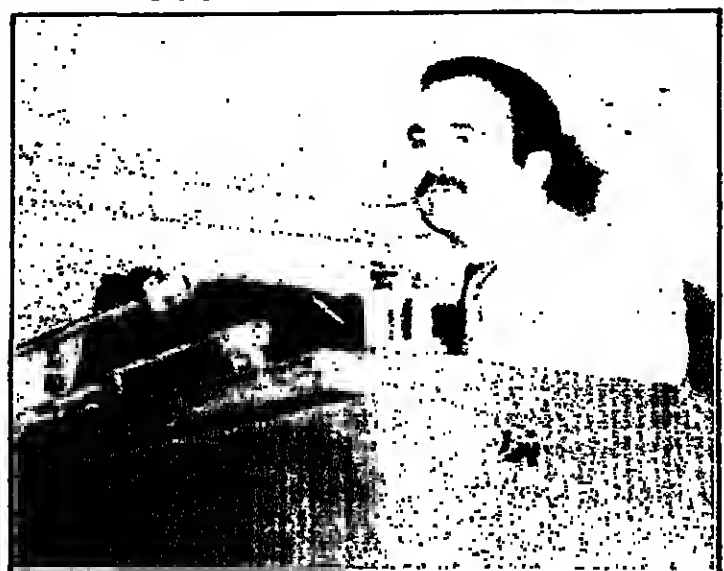
Also on the agenda are study on trends in family life education and women's programmes that are being carried out at the 'Allan centre.

The participants are expected to form groups that will submit recommendations for Arab countries to draw up national plans in these fields and to launch cooperation among Arab countries.

Delegates attending the conference come from Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, North and South Yemen and Jordan.

The conference is organised by the Ministry of Social Development in cooperation with the U.N. Fund for Population Activities, FAO and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, all of whom are represented at the conference.

Present at the opening session were Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti, Balqa Governor Mohammad Al Khatib and senior officials.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday addresses the opening session of a seminar on population and family life education held at Princess Rahmeh Community Development Centre at 'Allan, northwest of Amman. (Petra photo)

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Alia to receive fifth TriStar passenger jet

AMMAN (J.T.) — Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, expects to receive the last of five Lockheed TriStar L-1011 planes that were ordered in order to replace its fleet of Boeing 707s, it was announced here Sunday.

Hashers' charity run 'a great success'

AMMAN (J.T.) — For the second year in succession, the local running club, the Amman Hash House Harriers, has organised and completed a highly successful sponsored run, in order to raise money for various local charities.

This year's run, which took place under the patronage and with the participation of Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zaid, followed a route from Jabal Amman to the Regency Palace Hotel (formerly Sheraton), around a course of some 20 kilometres that took the runners up and down all of Amman's seven jabsals.

A large number of the seventy-odd starters managed the whole course, while all the participants took part in the final run-in to the Regency Palace Hotel, led by Prince Ra'ad and a film crew from Jordan Television. The organisers were "most honoured by and grateful for the

patronage and presence of Prince Ra'ad, and would also like to thank the management of the Regency Palace Hotel, who were extremely kind in providing the runners with the use of the hotel facilities after the race for some much needed refreshments," a spokeswoman for the club told the Jordan Times.

With the money raised this year, the Amman Hash House Harriers has been able to buy much needed furniture for Ja'afar Institute of Special Education in Naour; a heavy-duty washing machine for the Seventh Day Adventist Care Home for orphans on the University road; a large quantity of bed and bathroom linen for the Mother Theresa Old People's Home; and to make a substantial donation towards the good work of the Young Women's Muslim Association.

The spokeswoman said that the

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By T.A. Jaber

Jordan's foreign aid is earned

ONE OF the principal characteristics of the Jordanian economy is the need for foreign aid to meet the deficit in the government budget. Since 1921, the budget support has been received annually in increasing amounts. Prior to 1957, it was incurred by the United Kingdom and afterwards by the United States. The oil-exporting Arab countries have picked up most of the budget support to Jordan since 1967 and all of it as of 1980.

Such questions of why does Jordan continue to require foreign aid, how is it used and what are its future prospects can be discussed only in the regional context. To start with, let us consider the main factors explaining the need for budget support.

1. Utilised or even exploitable economic resources are very scarce in Jordan. Its total area is about 90,000 square kilometres of which

87 per cent is arid. Thus, agricultural production is constrained by a small area of irrigated land in the Jordan Valley and some rain-fed farming in the hilly areas. Water resources are being explored, stored and used more efficiently than before, but their potential magnitude will hardly meet the increasing demand for household, industrial and agricultural uses. Deposits of phosphates and potash are plenty and their production is being actively expanded or initiated.

2. Our comparative advantage in the region should be then in services and industrial production. This is true though with serious limitations. The cost of production of industrial goods and services such as tourism, health, transport and banking is being pushed upward by the customs duties necessary for the budget

revenues, the impact of higher oil prices, and the spill-over of higher wages in the Gulf on our labour cost.

3. Demographic factors have been also crucial in getting the government financing imbalanced. The Israeli occupation of all of Palestine in 1948 and 1967 had forced people to leave with their land and property behind. Israel has been expanding on the basis of Arab land and other resources while shifting the population pressures on others particularly Jordan. No country can easily adjust to accommodate relatively large influx of people without external support. The demand for public services have risen sharply which led to the expansion in the government current expenditures beyond the ordinary rates. With no other resource to develop particularly where agr-

iculture is limited, Jordan's population has invested heavily in education at all levels which has in itself increased the government burden.

4. With the Arab-Israeli conflict remaining unsettled and rather getting more complex in the light of Israeli aggressions and its devastation of Arab resources and hopes for a better future, Jordan feels threatened and has to defend itself. Defence is increasingly expensive in its direct and indirect costs and in its recurring and equipments requirements. The defence of Jordan is also crucial to the security of the neighbouring Arab countries.

5. Jordan is not only faced with limited natural resources, extra-ordinary demographic and economic pressures and military threats. It is also challenged as

an Arab country by an exogenous model of life and development which has been implanted at its borders. Accordingly, the Jordan government has to embark on ambitious programmes of development and modernisation. The current five-year development involves a total investment of about \$10 billion in economic and social projects. The government financing is faced by large claims for development projects since 50 per cent of the total investment has to be met by the government.

The above factors explain why Jordan needs external assistance to support its domestic resources. Some of these factors are significant not only to Jordan but also to the region. However, I shall explain later in more details why actually Jordan is entitled for such Arab budget support and what Jordan contributes in return.

One river, two banks

THE CURRENT talks between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) form one of the most important loci of the current international effort to prod a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute. It is obvious that there will be little movement on the priority of securing a full Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza lands occupied in 1967 without close coordination and political agreement between Jordan and the PLO. The dynamic reality upon which such a process is based is that in the past two decades, the Palestinian people have formed their own, genuine, legitimate political leadership in the PLO, and can deal with the world on their own. The status of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians has been codified in Arab political circles since 1974.

The immediate priority is to translate the political mandate that the PLO has from its people and from the Arabs as a whole into a negotiating mechanism by which the Palestinians can regain control over the West Bank and Gaza and exercise their right to

national self-determination, including, if they so desire, the establishment of a Palestinian state on Palestinian soil. The probability is that the process of Palestinian national self-determination will institutionalise and formalise those close human, social, economic, territorial and political relationships that already exist with the people and land of Jordan. Historical circumstances have meshed the people of Jordan and Palestine so deeply together that it is impossible to try to separate them, and thus what we are likely to see in the near future is Palestinian-Jordanian coordination geared to securing the Palestinians' right to political self-determination, with a separate political identity and entity in Palestine, while formalising the range of close human, economic and cultural ties that bind the two banks of the River Jordan. Palestinian national reconstitution and political self-determination in the West Bank and Gaza, and formal links between Palestine and Jordan, are not mutually exclusive processes; to the contrary, they are mutually reinforcing, and historically logical.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Hussein-Arafat talks are very important

The talks that started on Saturday between His Majesty King Hussein and Mr. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), are a step of major importance in crystallising the future Jordanian-Palestinian relationship.

It is natural for the two parties at this crucial stage in the Middle East situation to share the responsibility of assessing future moves and outlining a common perspective to tackle issues solidifying the mutual interests of the two peoples. Jordan is a firm believer in the need for reaffirming the Palestinian identity, as part of its national obligations.

Jordan's belief in the restoration of the Palestinian occupied territories as a prerequisite for practising such an identity is no less imperative. Hence, building up potentials that enhance opportunities for such restoration presents itself as a top priority. This requires an urgent drive at crystallising future relationships for an effective approach in the world arena.

The international climate has witnessed pos-

itive developments in favour of the Palestinian question. The efficient, courageous and responsible role played by the PLO in the Beirut battle, both militarily and politically has gained the world's respect and admiration for the Palestinian leadership. This atmosphere should be sufficiently manipulated, and full use of all positive aspects introduced should be made, with the aim of coping with the Fez peace plan directives.

The crystallisation of the future Jordanian-Palestinian relationship requires an open and serious dialogue that needs its time to reach accomplishment, but, nevertheless, the present drive started with the King-Arafat talks should develop with due consideration of the importance of the time element.

Jordan, while welcoming Abu Ammar here in Amman wholeheartedly, will always remain a firm supporter of the Palestinian people and the PLO. The open, sincere and fraternal dialogue between Jordan and the PLO will be a good example of healthy inter-Arab relations.

Al Dustour: Jordanian-Palestinian ties have always been special

The current talks between the Jordanian and Palestinian leaderships emphasise the special relationship and historical ties between the two peoples. While discussing the future relationship between the two peoples, following the end of the Israeli occupation of territories occupied in June, 1967, several considerations will overshadow the talks.

The very composition of the negotiating teams certifies to the special ties between our two peoples, which are manifested in the evolution of an organically interwoven relationship despite the negative impact of the 15-year-old Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

The Jordanian political structure has inherited the main features of the Great Arab Revolt, and the historic responsibility of the Jordanian political leadership towards the principles of the rev-

olt is evident. The Palestinian confrontation of the Zionist aggression is a great stand in defence of Arab nationalism threatened by an invading Zionist enemy.

The lives of the Jordanians which were sacrificed to defend Palestinian soil, with Palestinian youth, who sacrificed their lives on Jordanian soil, tremendously signify the common honourable cause endorsed by our two peoples.

Nevertheless, the political, economic, social and cultural aspects of the lives of our two peoples have interacted beyond recognition. Yet, the prevailing circumstances now make it inevitable for our two peoples to reinforce their joint efforts to repulse unceasing threats by the Israeli aggressor and to sufficiently strengthen moves to foil hostile plans and intentions.

Israel faces problems over what to do with PLO detainees

All depends on what happens now in unstable Lebanon

By Gavin Bell

TEL AVIV — Four months after their forces stormed into Lebanon, the Israelis have still not decided what to do with more than 6,000 men they arrested in an attempt to crush the power of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

They keep the prisoners locked away behind the barbed wire and watchtowers of a huge detention centre in southern Lebanon. And an authoritative source in Tel Aviv said: "There is no clear policy yet on these people."

"It depends mainly on what happens now in Lebanon," the source added. "The situation is

still very fluid and unstable." More than 8,000 Palestinians and Lebanese, along with some foreigners, were rounded up after Israel invaded Lebanon on June 6, the source said. Some 2,000 were released after questioning.

Official Israeli policy is to detain only "hard-line" members or supporters of the PLO, or those

who have committed specific acts against the Jewish state.

The source said that several hundred men had so far been judged to be in these categories. Some were expected to be brought to Israel eventually to stand trial.

The detainees included a small group of men known to have taken part in military operations in Is-

rael and along its borders, the source said.

After being screened at an interrogation centre, suspects are taken to the detention camp at Ansar, 12 km west of the inland market town of Nabatieh.

There they are questioned further about their activities when southern Lebanon was a stronghold of the PLO and its Lebanese leftist allies.

Humane treatment but...

Israeli officials say there is a strict ban on beating or any kind of physical assault on the detainees. Israel has been keen to show that the occupants of the Ansar camp are being treated humanely.

It has refused to accord the detainees prisoner of war status, saying they were not fighting on behalf of a state or a force that signed the Geneva conventions. In effect, this allows Israel to put them on trial for alleged terrorist activities.

Otherwise they are said to be treated in accordance with the conventions. Officials say the detainees are given provisions for three meals daily, adequate shelter in army tents, clothing and medical attention where necessary.

A Reuters correspondent who visited Ansar in July reported that up to 20 men were crowded into each tent, similar to those that house half the number of Israeli soldiers.

Representatives of the International Red Cross visit the camp regularly and are free to speak with the men without Israeli supervision.

But despite official assurances of humane treatment, the frustration and anger of being penned up without any sign of release has sparked violence behind the barbed wire of Ansar.

Two weeks ago, eight men were wounded when camp guards opened fire to quell a riot not fully explained by Israeli authorities.

When the arrests began in June, local residents complained that some informers were taking the opportunity to settle old scores and innocent people were being detained as a result.

The authoritative source said the Israelis were aware of this problem, and believed they had been able to deal with it.

At the same time, the source said some prisoners had fooled their captors into believing they were innocent.

In one case, a Palestinian freed from Ansar in August is said to have taken part in an attack on an Israeli army vehicle in southern Lebanon two weeks later, in which one soldier was killed and four were wounded. The man was re-captured.

The source said no decision had been taken on the fate of the foreigners in detention, believed to be PLO volunteers. They came from more than two dozen Muslim countries, but their number has not been disclosed.

Other informed sources report discreet contacts between Israeli and Turkish officials on possible repatriation of Turks among the detainees.

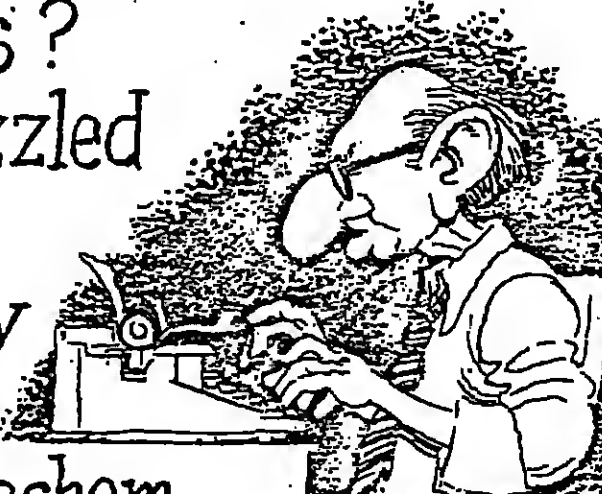
Officials of the Justice, Defence and Foreign Ministries are said to be deliberating policy on the detention camp, but so far nothing has emerged. Meanwhile the authoritative source said that more arrests were being made as a result of information from interrogations.

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The massacre of the press

By Tareq Masarwah
Al Ra'i columnist

ON OCTOBER 1st, the London Guardian published an analysis of another massacre taking place at the same time with that of Sabra and Shatila: a massacre against the press!

The Guardian referred to cases unprecedented in the history of the world press, including Latin America and Africa, particularly after the crisis which the Lebanese press faced following the break-out of hostilities in the country.

The only thing that met no worldwide criticism in Israel for its bloody invasion of Lebanon was the press, said the Guardian report.

The Guardian report is realistically painful and impressive. The present state of the Arab press has nothing to do with its real role as a reflection of social mobility and thought trends within the framework of democratic institutions.

The start was in the nationalisation measures in Egypt, which we later accepted. Now the press exodus has strikingly become a prominent phenomenon acknowledged as a step forward. Most Arab magazines are published in London, Paris or Cyprus; and the time may soon come when we read our daily newspapers arriving from one European capital or another.

Why? We call for the reconsideration of all Arab press conditions, and dare suggest some Arab summit enlist the issue on its agenda. Some might find this proposition funny, but we know Arabs among ruling circles who despise the press for not being their vehicle to power. What is the press for if more effective means can be manipulated: assassinations, conspiracies, betrayals and coups d'etat, not to mention others.

The spilling of the journalist's blood, as well as filling his pocket with coins do not make the press. It is those whose hands are not burnt in acids before liquidation and those who receive no tips that the Arab press badly needs today.

Battle of the dictatorial past versus the democratic future hinges on the Spanish military

By Mark Baillie
Reuters

VALLE DE LOS CAIDOS, Spain — A gathering at the Valley of the Fallen near Madrid two weeks ago underlined the lingering attraction of extreme right politics in Spain, where the authorities have unearthed a new plot to overthrow the country's democratically elected leaders.

Medals shone, flags waved and hundreds joined in a chorus of rallying cries forged more than 40 years ago.

The extreme right was celebrating the anniversary of General Francisco Franco's seizure of power in the 1936-39 civil war which smashed the left in Spain. The dictator, who died in 1975, was buried in this vast and grim monument to the war's dead.

Today's right is keen to draw parallels between the years leading up to the civil war and the present political scene.

Its adherents believe that the likely socialist victory in this

month's general election, the third since Franco's death, would amount to a betrayal of the ideals for which he fought in the civil war.

Extreme right parties polled less than two per cent of the total vote in the last general election in 1979 and they have only one parliamentary seat. But their politics inspired last year's failed military coup and the latest plan for an uprising on October 27.

Victims of the civil war and appointed guardians of all the ideals embodied in Franco's brand of Fascism, the army remains to the right the symbol of the Spain they believe in.

Reflecting this association, the national federation of ex-Francoist soldiers warned recently that a Socialist victory would mean Marxist revolution in Spain.

It was an officer of the paramilitary civil guard, a branch of the army, who stormed parliament last year at the head of 300 men. In the subsequent coup trial the government made every effort to assure the armed forces there would be no purge and only the

people who were visibly involved were put on trial.

The same officers, now serving jail terms of up to 30 years, were implicated in the latest coup plot in which three army colonels were said to have planned a national uprising.

The daily newspaper El Alcazar, named after a civil war siege fortress that became a rallying symbol of Franco's forces, typifies the creed of the right.

Favourite reading in officers' messes, it presents daily headlines highlighting what it sees as the disintegration of Spain's unity and a state of virtual war between separatist guerrillas and security forces.

Frequent references to growing prosperity under Franco gloss over the global economic expansion of the late sixties that benefited his regime and the world recession which coincided with the advent of democracy in the mid-seventies.

Rising unemployment, nearing 16 per cent of the workforce, provides fertile ground for the seeds

of discontent sowed by the "things were better then" slogans of the "National forces", the generic term the extreme right gives itself.

Full employment, order and unity are the themes of the latest party on the right-wing scene—Spanish Solidarity, led by Colonel Antonio Tejero Molina, the soldier who burst onto the world's television screens in his accidentally filmed assault on parliament.

He is now in jail awaiting confirmation of the maximum 30-year sentence handed down in July for rebellion. But a good telephone link, later cut, with the outside world and frequent visits allowed him to set up the new party last month.

His electoral candidacy was recently turned down on the ground that he is still a serving officer and not eligible, but his party is determined to fight the ruling. "We will go as far as the international court of human rights," said a spokesman.

Spanish Solidarity joins the original Falange movement, new

force and the Spanish Falange of the National-Syndicalist Worker Youth on the extreme-right list.

If forthcoming elections have projected the right onto the national scene, even the Pope's visit here shortly afterwards provides a stage.

Franco quickly subordinated the Catholic church when the civil war broke out and it bestowed the accolade of crusade on his rebellion against a government seen as a godless red menace.

Alcazar has little to go on and canonisation is a lengthy procedure, but the right still sees Catholicism and "national forces" as united in a common struggle against the "Jews, Freemasons and Marxists" who threaten their vision, although the church no longer has links with any political party.

"National forces" are not likely to win many votes in October's elections. The real test of strength between Spain's dictatorial past and its democratic future remains the attitude of the military to the expected Socialist victory.

By Marilyn Odehmar
Reuter

Torn between religion and economic necessity

MANILA — Burdened by the highest fertility rate in Southeast Asia, the Philippine government is facing the dilemma of how to encourage birth control in a predominantly Roman Catholic country.

As the Catholic Church forbids all contraception techniques except the natural "rhythm" method, government planners and officials are caught between respecting religious values and the economic necessity of curbing population growth.

In a country where 85 per cent of the 40 million Filipinos are practising Catholics, a dozen children in a family are traditionally counted as a blessing.

The average family has three to four children and 19 per cent of families have seven children or more.

This gives the Philippines one of the fastest expanding labour forces in the world. Some 700,000 workers are expected to come on to the labour market each year between 1983 and 1987.

But with jobs in short supply due to the recession, the country's widening balance of payments deficit and an external debt of \$15.84 billion, their prospects are not bright.

The World Bank, whose loans help keep the troubled economy afloat, insists that only an "intensified and more effective" family planning effort can help lower the spiralling birthrate.

In a confidential paper on the Philippines' 1983-87 dev-

elopment plan, the bank said the number of children born to the average Filipino woman if she were to survive throughout her reproductive years dropped from 5.9 in 1970 to five in 1975. But this was still the highest fertility rate in Southeast Asia, it said.

Population experts in Manila said the World Bank was troubled by the five-year plan's failure specifically to mention a birthrate reduction goal and an organised population control programme.

The bank advised the government that more people should shift from traditional techniques to more efficient methods of contraception.

The experts said the government, under apparent pressure from the bank, is now reconsidering its development blueprint. But it faces opposition from the powerful church, which claims four out of five five Filipinos as members.

The church has already loudly criticised the government's pop-

ulation control commission for giving away free birth control pills, condoms and intra-uterine devices.

The commission, which tried to sidestep church criticism by not recommending any particular method to people, has now switched course and wants to push modern techniques.

But this, if approved, would put the government on a collision course with the Catholic Church. "The church has a very definite,

unwavering stand," says Cardinal Jaime Sin, leader of the church in the Philippines. "All methods of family planning, except the natural method, are immoral."

The cardinal recently launched a campaign to promote the gospel of natural family planning and to oppose government intervention in the issue.

Prime Minister Cesar Virata, on his return from a World Bank meeting in Tokyo last July to discuss loans for the Philippines, said the country would be confronted with major economic problems if its 2.5 per cent population growth rate was not trimmed to two per cent by 1987.

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Wilander disposes of Vilas, claims Spanish Grand Prix



Mats Wilander (18), Sweden's rising tennis star.

BARCELONA (R) — Sweden's Mats Wilander, 18, won the Spanish Grand Prix tennis tournament with a solid 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Guillermo Vilas of

Argentina in the final Sunday. Wilander, who also beat second seed Vilas in a marathon final in the French Open earlier this year, played a more accurate and con-

sistent game than the Argentine. Vilas, 12 years older than his opponent, tired more quickly and at times seemed to put up only token resistance.

The most hotly-contested set of the two hours 57 minutes match was the first when Vilas showed flashes of the style which won him the U.S. and French titles in 1977.

But careful play by the Swede eventually outweighed the Argentine's flair, and in the second set Wilander moved quickly to a 3-1 lead.

Vilas fought back to 4-3 but Wilander won the crucial eighth game, which went to deuce four times, and then had little trouble in clinching the set.

Fifth-seeded Wilander moved easily to a 4-1 lead in the final set, and though Vilas reduced the deficit to 5-3 and saved a match point in the final game, there was no stopping the Swede.

Wilander, who beat top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and fourth-seeded Argentine Jose Luis Clerc on his way to the final, said he believed he played better here than at the French Open.

He said he had no secrets to account for his spectacular success this season and added that he was not at all sure of being able to beat Vilas in the final.

But Clerc, in a comment after his straight sets defeat in the semi-final Saturday, attributed Wilander's success simply to his tenacity.

"The Swede is a player who bores his rival. Yesterday I think that in the second set, though I was leading 2-0, I just lost my concentration," he said.

American pair wins world contract bridge

BIARRITZ, France (R) — Lew Stansby of Castro Valley and Chip Martell of Davis, California Sunday became the contract bridge pairs Champions of the World, but only after a cataclysmic scoring mix-up.

Their score of 3088 match points when play ended Saturday night put them 31 points ahead of a Dutch pair, Anton Maas and Max Rebattu on 3057.

Gabriel Chagas and Roberto de Mello of Brazil were third on 3044, Jan and Craig Janitschke of the United States fourth on 3037 and Edgar Kaplan and Norman Kay of the United States fifth with 3035.

In a finish dominated by U.S. pairs, Poland came 7th, France 10th, Britain 13th, Belgium 14th and China, competing in their first World Bridge Championship, a creditable 15th.

Stansby and Martell, a professor of computer science married to a daughter of leading economist Milton Friedman, won the crown only after they had protested against the scores announced by the World Bridge Federation.

The U.S. players were convinced that their own estimate of the score was more accurate than that of the official computers.

They were vindicated when it was found that an official had changed the playing schedule to allow a disabled competitor in the separate women's series to remain seated.

Unfortunately the computers were re-programmed as if this change had been made not in the women's series but in the open series.

Despite Canadian temperament Games end in friendly spirit

BRISBANE (R) — The 12th Commonwealth Games lived up to their billing as "the friendly games" despite a display of temperament by Canada's frustrated swimmers.

And after 2,000 competitors had huffed and puffed their way through 10 sports, the 10-day festival ended dramatically when England came within an ace of topping hosts Australia from the top of the medals table.

Good-natured rivalry was the keynote in Brisbane—except at the Chandler complex pool where the swimmers of Australia and Canada waged a bitter and controversial battle for supremacy.

The Australians avenged the swimming defeat they suffered at the hands of their Canadian hosts in Edmonton in 1978. But many felt the lengths to which both teams were prepared to go in the battle of nerves would have been more appropriate in a circus ring than a sports arena.

But neither had the last laugh. The cold eye of the electronic timing system revealed both countries were breaking the rules by stealing micro-seconds in the relay change-overs.

There were six disqualifications—five of them in the relays—and at the end of it all the Canadians could stand it no more and walked out.

The Canadians apologised afterwards for any offence they might have caused, particularly to Queen Elizabeth who was at the Chandler pool that torrid evening.

Australian officials also had problems with discipline and at one stage seemed set to expel three swimmers, including Olympic and Commonwealth Champion Michelle Ford, from the team for disciplinary offences at the pre-games training camp.

But they moved quickly to heal the rift and the squabble was soon forgotten in the euphoria of Australia's mid-games gold medal sweep.

Nor was the controversy confined to the competitors. Aborigines and their supporters used the games to air their grievances against the Queensland government and staged a series of marches and demonstrations to drum up international sympathy.

The Aborigines are seeking perpetual ownership of the land on which they live and an end to what they say is racist state legislation.

Commonwealth Games leaders also took a key decision aimed at preventing disruption of future games because of sports links with South Africa. Any country competing against South Africa will now be liable to suspension from the games.

On the sporting front, Australia seemed set to take an unbeatable overall lead at one stage. But they reckoned without England's dramatic last-day assault and the final tally could scarcely have been closer—Australia on top with 39 golds with England one away on 38.

Australia's 14-year love affair with Raelene Boyle reached an emotional end when the honey blonde Victorian strode away with the 400 metres to climax one of the most consistent careers in world athletics.

Boyle made a superb recovery from a recent crisis of confidence in which she resorted to treatment by a doctor to restore her flagging morale.

There was a similar comeback by Olympic 100 metres champion Allan Wells who seemed to have lost faith in himself before coming to Brisbane. But he swept back to snatch the 100 metres gold and had tears in his eyes as he dedicated his medal "to the people of Scotland who have given me so much."

Wells also figured in a unique dead heat with England's Mike McFarlane in the 200 metres final—the first time a track gold medal has been shared at a major games.

The only world record to fall went to Canadian swimmer Alex Baumann who overcame a year of pain caused by a dislocated shoulder to improve his 200 metres individual medley mark with two minutes 2.25 seconds.

If Boyle was the queen of the track, then Tracey Wickham was everybody's darling in the pool. Wickham never received a more joyous reception than from her home town fans when she wrapped up a fine career with wins in the 400 and 800 metres freestyle.

Another smiling Queenslander, Lisa Curry, was the only swimmer to win three individual golds—and would have taken her overall tally to five but for the disqualifications.

But if there was one competitor in Brisbane who captured the heart more than any other it was paraplegic archer Neroli Fairhall of New Zealand.

Fairhall, 38, who has been unable to walk since a motorcycle accident 13 years ago, shrugged off her handicap to score one of the most dramatic triumphs of the games.

With three shots remaining she trailed Northern Ireland teenager Janet Yates by five points, and needed to land her last three arrows plumb in the centre of the target to win.

Tokashiki of Japan retains WBA title

TOKYO (R) — Japan's Katsuo Tokashiki successfully defended his World Boxing Association (WBA) light flyweight title for the third time in a bruising battle with South Korean Kim Sung Nam Sunday.

Tokashiki gained a unanimous points decision, the three American officials scoring it 146-40, 147-141 and 147-143 in his favour. But the swellings on the champion's face bore testimony to Kim's testing challenge. The South Korean ended the fight with a cut above his right eye and a bloody nose.

A lot of the action came in the final few rounds as both boxers stood toe to toe trading blows. Sunday's victory was Tokashiki's 17th in 19 fights. He has been beaten only once.

Italy's Masala wins world pentathlon

ROME (R) — Italy's Daniele Masala won the individual title in the World Modern Pentathlon Championships in record-breaking style Saturday.

Masala, 27, became the first Italian ever to take the title with a haul of 5,680 points which beat the Olympic record of 5,568 set by Anatoli Starostin of the Soviet Union at the 1980 games in Moscow.

Gerulaitis wins his 2nd Melbourne title

MELBOURNE (R) — American Vitas Gerulaitis won his second Melbourne indoor tennis title in three years Sunday when he beat compatriot Eliot Teltscher 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Gerulaitis, ranked fifth in the world, won the inaugural Melbourne tournament in 1980 and also reached the final last year, which he forfeited to Australian Peter MacNamara after protesting about the standard of umpiring and line judging.

He was heavily fined for this and suspended from the circuit. But there were no incidents Sunday as Gerulaitis picked up the \$20,000 first prize.

Afterwards the New Yorker said Teltscher had probably erred in trying to move him around the

court too much rather than playing his own game.

Teltscher whipped through the opening set, scoring service breaks in the first and fifth games. But Gerulaitis was just as ruthless in the second.

Two games into the final set a power failure blacked out half the lights for 20 minutes—a delay which appeared to help Gerulaitis.

"I started attacking more and began coming in on everything," he said. "I think I was probably just rallying too much in the first set."

Paraguay's Francisco Gonzalez and American Matt Mitchell won the doubles final, beating Australians Syd Ball and Rod Fawley 7-6, 7-6.

French group abandons climb

KATHMANDU, Nepal (A.P.) — Heavy snow forced nine French climbers to abandon their attempt to scale the 7,246-metre mount Langtang Lirung in the central Himalayas. Nepal's Ministry of Tourism said here Sunday.

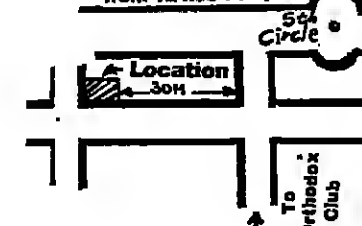
The mountaineers climbed 4,900 metres up the mountain's steep east ridge by Wednesday, but abandoned their bid to reach the peak on Thursday, the ministry said.

The French team, led by Denis Chateaufort 28, of Brunoy, is scheduled to leave for base camp Sunday for Kathmandu.

Meanwhile, another French expedition is still trying to scale the 7,710-metre mount Jannu in northeast Nepal, the ministry said. The leader of that six-member team, Pierre Beghin, 30, of Le Suppeyen, and one of his colleagues, Dr. Xavier Fargues, 29, established their third high-altitude camp 6,800 metres up the mountain more than a week ago in preparation for their summit bid.

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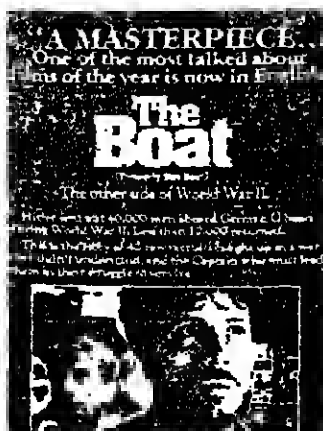
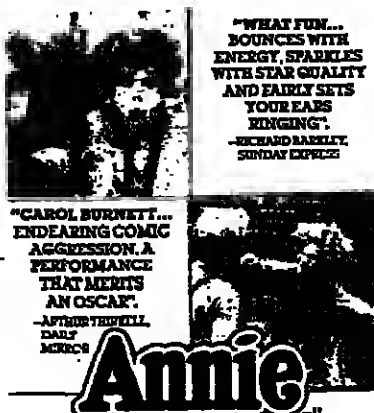
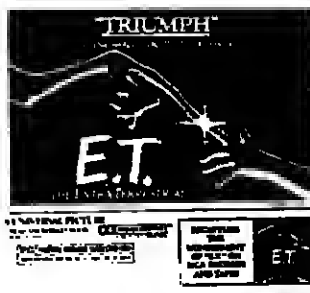
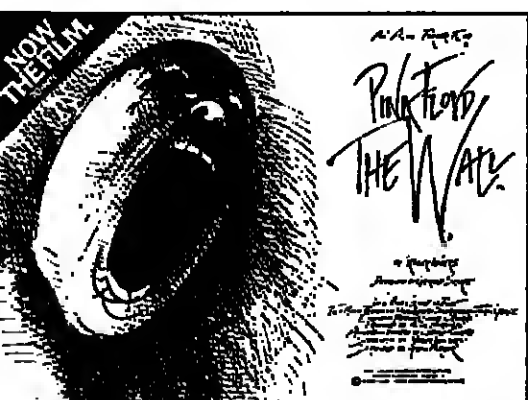
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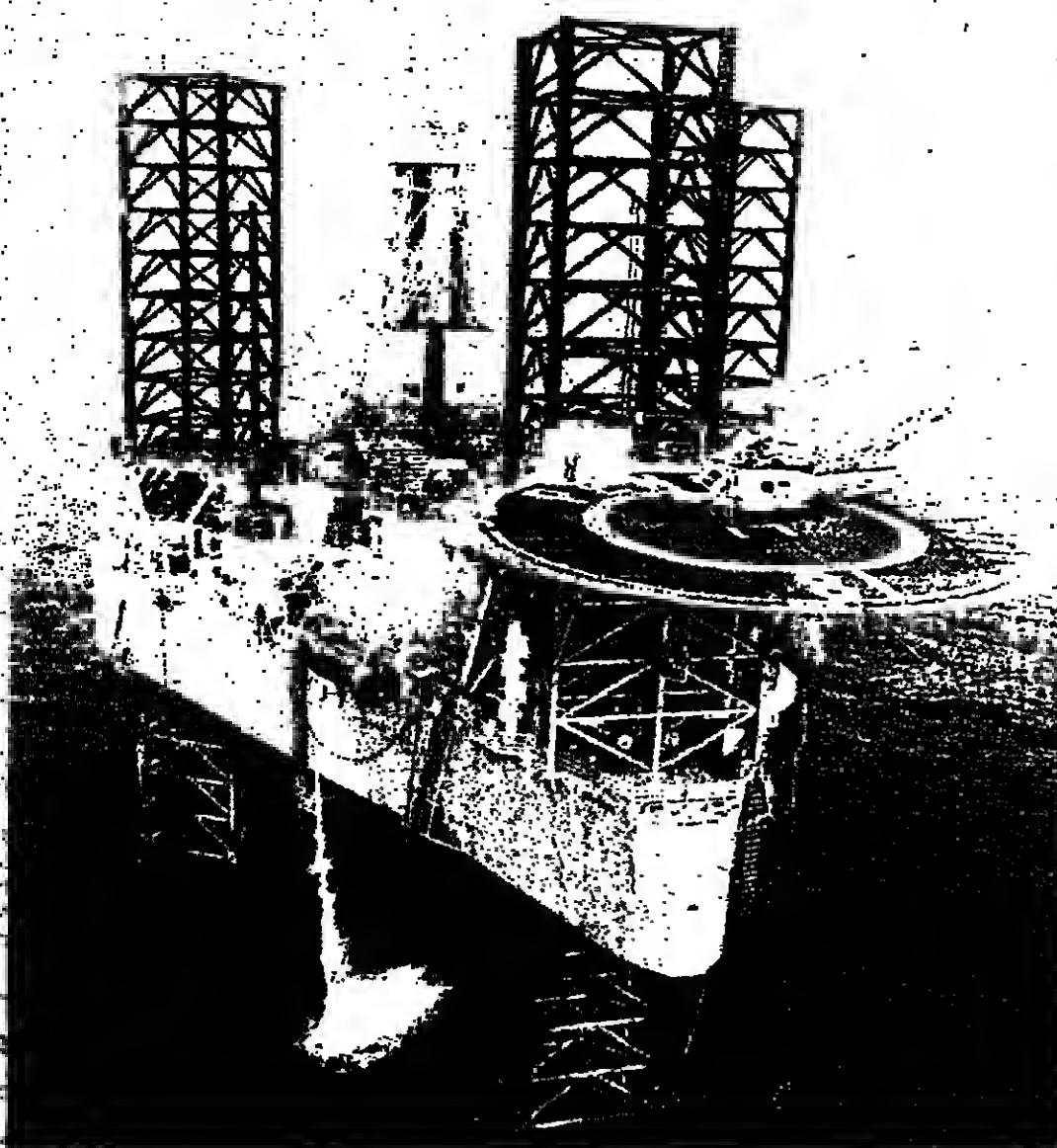
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N. Sea oil meets 21% of local demand



BONN (Dad) — Saudi Arabia is still the Federal Republic of Germany's main oil supplier, but North Sea oil is fast catching up with Saudi Arabian oil. In the first three quarters of 1981 Saudi oil accounted for 31.4 per cent, or 18.8 million of oil imports totalling 59.8 million tonnes. But then came Britain, with 10.6 million tonnes or 17.7 per cent.

Next after Libya, Algeria, Nigeria and the U.A.E came Norway, adding 2.2 million tonnes to boost North Sea oil's total to 12.8 million tonnes of 21.4 per cent. Germany too is drilling for oil and gas in the North Sea. This is a Gelsenberg rig 60 kilometres west of Heligoland.

S. Africa suffers drought

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa is as dry as a bone after months of drought and officials fear their hopes of bumper crops may wither under the fierce sun.

The rainy season, which normally begins in September, has yet to arrive and many areas have not had rain for more than five months.

This is South Africa's third drought in as many years and farmers are still reeling from last year when lack of rain bit deeply into the country's major crop, maize.

Officials say the position is not hopeless, but it is quickly heading that way as dam levels drop, springs dry up and fast running rivers shrink to nothing more than streams.

Maize planters can hold off sowing their next crop until December, but those who produce other foodstuffs are already suffering badly.

Crops are withering and animals search in vain for food on parched grazing land. Their owners are forced to buy feedstuffs or take them to market early.

The wheat board in Pretoria has already wiped some 300,000 tonnes off its initial crop estimate of 2.7 million tonnes.

But a good season in the winter rainfall areas of the cape region could save the overall crop and bring in a better than average harvest.

A South African agricultural union spokesman said irrigation schemes watering cotton and gro-

undout crops in the northern cape are on the verge of collapse.

Farmers were being moved to areas that were still fertile.

In semi-tropical Natal, the sugar cane crop lining the coast is in a sad, withered state, according to cane growers' chief Ernie Morrison.

"We need rain desperately," he said.

In areas officially declared drought stricken, farmers can apply to the department of agriculture for assistance.

The drought is fast making water a valuable commodity. Black villagers north of Pretoria complain white farmers are asking them to pay about 15 cents (12 U.S. cents) for a small bucketful.

The farmers deny the villagers' charge of racketeering and say they have to cover the cost of transporting the water.

The government and local authorities are taking steps to alleviate the drought's worst effects. Councils like the one in the gold-mining town of Welkom in the orange free state have banned the watering of gardens.

In the northern suburb of Johannesburg, wealthy residents fear possible water rationing may restrict use of their swimming pools.

In the hope of making the rains come, chief Lucas Mangope, president of the Bophuthatswana black homeland, has called on his people to offer a special prayer in church.

Ideas to beat unemployment

PARIS (Radio France Internationale) — In his book *Le Pari Français* (The French Wager), Michel Albert places us before a harsh truth: The international economic crisis is "upon us". The difficulties have only just started and they will grow worse. After the euphoria of the "glorious thirty years" (1945-1975), "stagflation" (stagnation of economic growth and inflation), combined with a high rate of unemployment, has taken hold of the Western economies.

Michel Albert's analysis is sound. He becomes worrying when he claims—and shows—that the left-wing Keynesian policy (priority fight against unemployment) and right-wing monetarist policy (priority fight against inflation, increase in productivity and investments) have failed everywhere and cannot but fail.

Fortunately, the author remains optimistic. For him, different options have to be convinced that solutions are possible; they have to be made to understand the causes and the mechanisms of the crisis. "The therapy for unemployment is less and less a problem of government and more and more a problem of society".

The solutions he proposes to bring back full

employment (or nearly) and beat the unemployment scourge are a "double-laned road": An economic policy turned towards external competitiveness plus measures of a social nature, the fruit of greater cooperation.

On the first point, he believes that states which are developed could achieve a better concertation instead of "making war on each other with unemployment figures". The countries of the European Economic Community in particular should show a much more united front by playing up their economic power.

But the most important solution is to invest, to make firms more competitive. Thus the first step is to consume less and to invest socially, i.e., do as much as possible for the "intelligent skilled worker" and reconcile wage-earners with the company, somewhat in the Japanese style.

The second solution consists in reducing the working week, which should cost the firm nothing and should not hamper its competitiveness. This reduction should create new jobs, but the author militates for a new human right: the right of each worker to choose for himself the number of hours in his working week and therefore his salary.

W. Germany bases plans on overoptimistic assumptions

ONN (R) — West Germany's centre-right government has based its budget plans on overoptimistic assumptions about economic growth and its chances of reducing unemployment, according to economists.

Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg says he plans to peg the 1983 federal budget deficit to 38.5 billion marks (\$5.2 billion) and expects swift

economic results. "If we act quickly and correctly, we should see the first positive effects for growth and employment in the course of 1983 and this development could continue through 1984," he said in a weekend radio interview.

But economists told Reuters the 1.5 per cent growth rate on which his 1983 budget planning is based is far too high, and they believe

Mr. Stoltenberg has overestimated likely tax revenue and underestimated the cost of unemployment pay.

"There is scarcely any prospect of significant growth next year. Unemployment will rise to an average of 2.3 million after 1.85 million this year," said Mr. Norbert Walter, chief economist at the Kiel Institute for World Economics.

Other economists were hardly more optimistic. Their highest 1983 growth forecasts were only one per cent after zero growth this year, and all agreed the average number of jobless would climb to a post-war high of over two million.

They said most firms have considerable spare capacity and do

not need to take on more workers to raise output. In addition, unemployment is being boosted by large numbers of young born in the 1960s baby-boom seeking jobs for the first time.

The federal deficit will probably rise to between 40 and 45 billion marks (\$15.8 and \$17.8 billion) in

borrowing from high earners.

Mr. Stoltenberg said last week the spending cuts and tax rises totalling over 13 billion marks (\$5.1 billion) and were essential to prevent the 1983 federal deficit soaring to around 53 billion marks (\$20.9 billion) under the previous left-liberal government's plans.

He has included proposals to help the recession-hit construction industry and plans to exempt businessmen from the new compulsory loan for high earners if they invest more.

Leading industry and banking bodies have welcomed the programme, with reservations about the tax hikes, but trade unions have denounced it as an attack on

workers and a threat to social peace.

Economists say planning is clearly at an early stage, and it is uncertain how some measures, such as a proposed 500 million mark (\$198 million) cut in state subsidies to industry, will be implemented.

Most economists welcome the planned welfare cuts, including cuts in child allowances, higher patient contributions to the cost of a hospital stay, new medical insurance contributions for pensioners, and the replacement of student grants by loans.

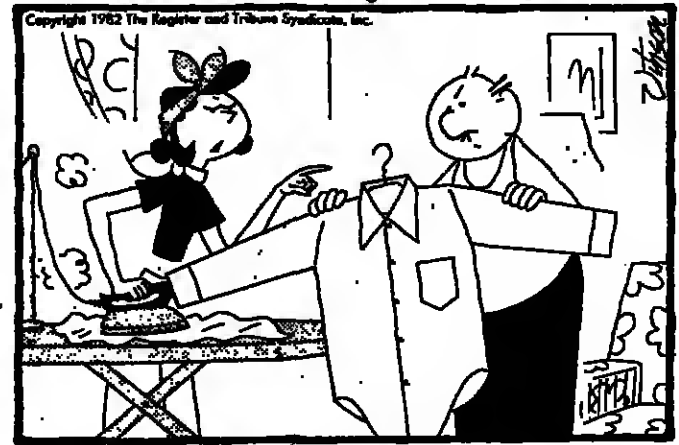
But economists said a sharp fall in interest rates is needed to prevent the austerity package from having a deflationary impact on the economy.

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1983 from around 37 billion marks (\$14.6 billion) this year, the economists added.

The new government's budget draft combines cuts in public spending with higher Value Added Tax (VAT) and an effective increase in top income tax rates through compulsory interest-free

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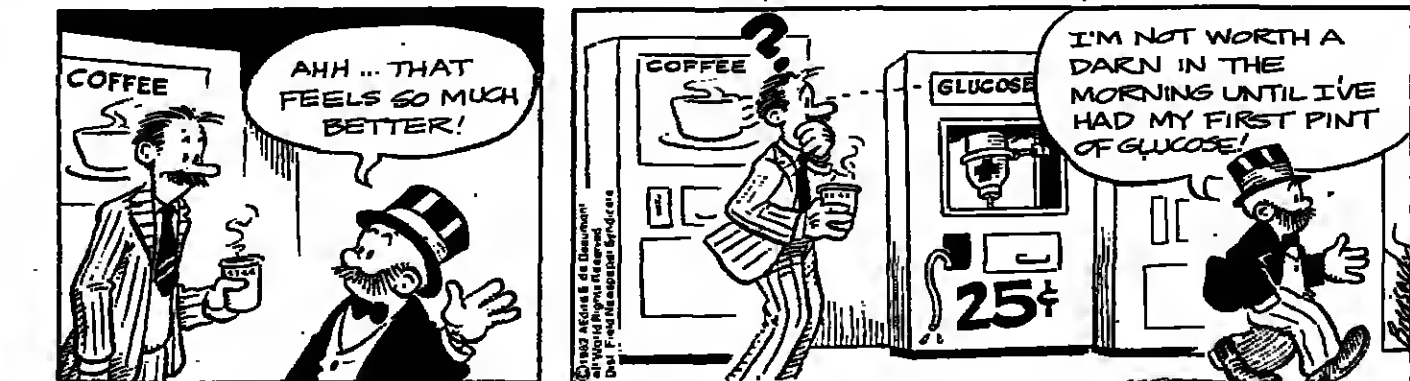


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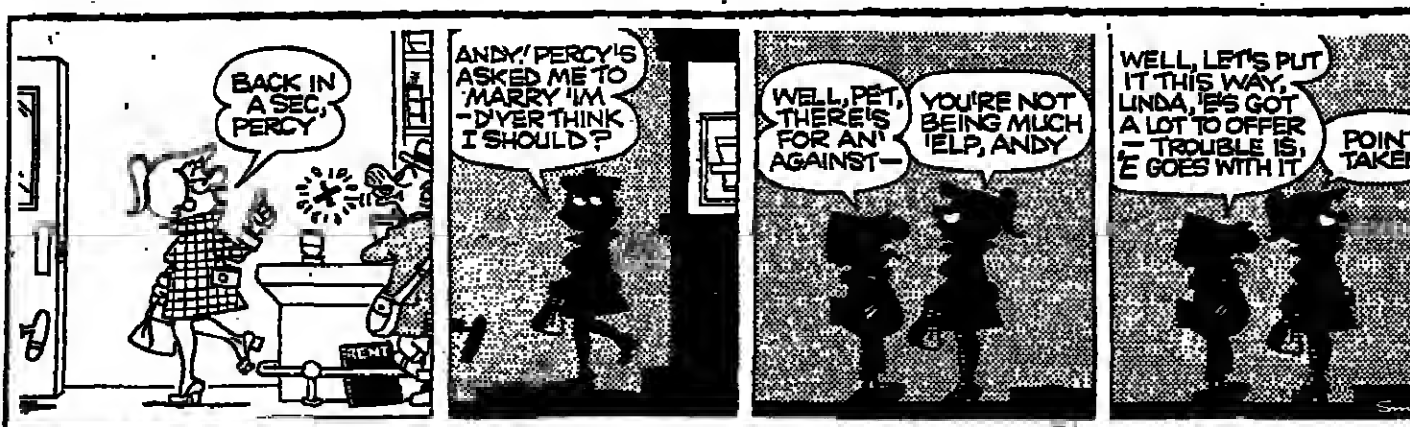
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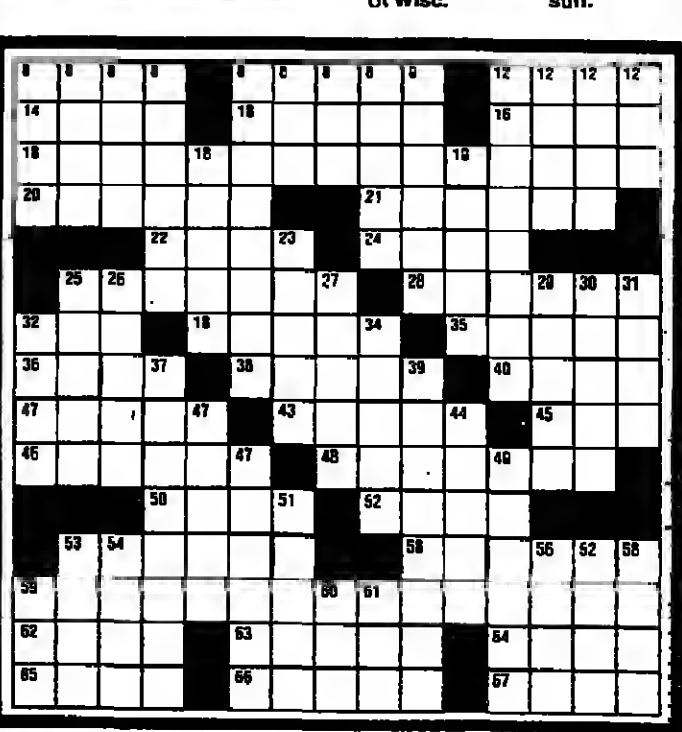


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17 Conversational gambit	40 Resentful
20 Nail down	41 Buddhist shrine
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25 Creased, in a way	48 Tells, as a tale
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Warsaw stands by decision to ban Solidarity despite ensuing sanctions

WARSAW (R) — Poland's military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has taken a defiant stand against Western sanctions as the United States plans to tighten the economic screw following dissolution of the Solidarity trade union.

Gen. Jaruzelski, in a resolute statement to the Sejm (parliament), defended the decision to close Solidarity. And he also said the stop on credits imposed by NATO states last January had not broken the ailing Polish economy.

Gen. Jaruzelski said there was still a chance that martial law could be suspended before the end of the year, although this would depend on a mood of calm prevailing.

In an apparent veiled warning to Poles not to demonstrate against Solidarity's dissolution, he said the chances of ending martial law this year had been reduced by the anti-government demonstrations all over Poland at the end of August.

Gen. Jaruzelski also announced there were plans to release a substantial number of more than 800 Solidarity officials in interment, many of whom, including union leader Lech Walesa, have been held since martial law was imposed. The top leadership, including Mr. Walesa, were not expected to be among those freed.

Reagan suspends Poland's favoured status

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, in a swift retaliation to the dissolution of the Solidarity union movement, has decided to suspend Poland's tariff concessions in trade with the United States.

Mr. Reagan chose his weekly nationwide radio broadcast Saturday to denounce the banning of Solidarity by Poland's parliament as a "far reaching" action by the Warsaw martial law government against its own people.

In a strongly worded speech, Mr. Reagan said he was suspending Poland's Most Favoured Nation trade status, a move U.S. officials predicted would have an adverse political impact on that country.

Mr. Reagan also said the United States was consulting urgently with its allies on what other actions could be taken in retaliation.

U.S. officials said the main immediate significance of the action announced by the president would be political, since Poland attached importance to its trade status as a Most Favoured Nation (MFN).

It is the only Warsaw Pact member that has had MFN status on a permanent basis for more than 20 years. The privilege is granted to Romania and Hungary on an annual basis.

The officials said suspension of MFN status would have a long term impact in restricting the growth of U.S.-Polish trade.

Polish exports to the United States amounted to \$200 million annually and officials said lifting of MFN would affect half of this amount.

Most seriously affected, they said, would be textile exports to the United States, which amounted to \$20 million in the first six months of this year.

The officials also said it was clear that the Soviet Union had a major responsibility for the situation in Poland but said com-

prehensive sanctions against Moscow were already in effect and no further action was planned.

Resentment and confusion in Poland

WARSAW (R) — A young woman activist said her first reaction when she learned of the decision to close down the independent trade union Solidarity was to go out and get drunk—"and I don't normally drink at all."

She said: "Of course we were not surprised. They had made clear what they would do. But right up to the last moment we still felt a glimmer of hope."

The mood among activists in a movement estimated to have included about three-quarters of Poland's workers was now one of deep resentment and confusion.

Opposition leaders who met in Warsaw earlier this week, including the regional underground leader Zbigniew Bujak, decided to urge members not to demonstrate during the two-day session of the Sejm (parliament) which outlawed the union.

But underground sources said there was mounting pressure for some form of protest. About 200 people gathered in a light drizzle around a floral cross beside St. Anne's church. Posters bearing the name "Solidarity" and a black band were placed nearby.

Union leaders, whether internees organising resistance from the underground or rank-and-file supporters, have spent much time analysing where the movement went wrong and whether it could anyway have been tolerated indefinitely in a Communist bloc state.

"Probably we were too democratic," said one former internee who held an official regional post with the union.

"Our whole system was infiltrated. Anyone who wanted could join, speak and become a leader. We were too easily manipulated."

She cited the case of a regional deputy chairman, elected and trusted by his colleagues, whose true identity as a member of the security police was only discovered when the offices were raided under martial law.

The general hope among Solidarity activists that the union would be restored in some form was based on statements by military leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski at the beginning of martial law that it could be reform.

Vice-Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski, in charge of the government's policy on unions, said last week he believed the mass of the union would manage to isolate what he called extremist leaders.

This did not happen and the authorities had no option but to ban Solidarity, he said.

Gen. Jaruzelski told the Sejm he understood the bitterness felt by Solidarity members. "We understand their attachment to the name Solidarity, their memory of that union's youthful, emotional dynamism."

Even those normally uninterested in politics shared the mood of depression as the new bill spelling the replacement of Solidarity with more strictly-controlled unions made its inexorable passage through the Sejm.

A 50-year-old woman shopping in one of Warsaw's poorly-stocked food shops, said: "What will change? Nothing will change. It will be back to the way things were as long as I can remember. The Solidarity period is what was unusual. Now that is over. All we can do is carry on somehow. Maybe we can pray."

Solidarity sources said there was a split among underground leaders on whether members should join the new unions, hoping to mould them into a genuine new workers' movement, or boycott them and keep up a pressure of passive resistance.

Saudi sheikh sues U.S. city, makers of Tylenol

MIAMI (R) — Saudi Arabian Sheikh Mohammed Al-Fassi is suing the city of Hollywood, Florida, for \$1,000 billion and the makers of the pain-killing medicine Tylenol for \$15.5 million in the non-payment of a \$1.5 million hotel bill.

The bill was soon settled, with Al-Fassi's aides explaining there had been a mix-up in the international transfer of funds, and the charge was dropped.

Another of Sheikh Al-Fassi's lawyers, Sam McCormack, told reporters after filing the suit against Hollywood that the Saudi Arabian felt it was impossible to calculate the damage the arrest caused him, his family and his world business interests.

The \$15.5 million suit was filed in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, according to attorney Richard Hirschfeld.

Seven people have died after taking poisonous cyanide which had been substituted for Tylenol on sale in the Chicago area. Police are still hunting for the person responsible for the poisonings.

Sheikh Al-Fassi alleges that the seven deaths have harmed his company's sales of all Johnson and Johnson products.

Mr. Hirschfeld said the Al-Fassi trading corporation also planned to sue Johnson and Johnson in Los Angeles for \$40 billion and Sheikh Al-Fassi would file a personal suit in Miami.

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Sheikh Al-Fassi has also filed a billion dollar suit against the hotel, where his 40-person retinue occupied three upper floors for several months.

Sheikh Al-Fassi has been involved in a long-running divorce and child custody case in which his first wife Dima is suing him for \$3 billion.

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Reason for asking the ICRC team—three delegates and one doctor—to leave temporarily and gave no hint as to how long it would be banned this time, he said.

After its first round of visits to the 338 jailed rebel activities or other reasons, the delegation made a preliminary report of its findings on their health, conditions of detention and sanitary needs to the authorities.

Mr. Summer declined to elaborate on the confidential report they made. A similar report on conditions in Pol-e-Charki, the country's largest prison, apparently angered the government and led to the 1980 expulsion.

The spokesman stressed the ICRC considered its work in Afghanistan unfinished.

"We went in there with a clear agreement from the Kabul government that we could undertake a wide-ranging programme of visits to the prisons and, if necessary, mount a medical relief programme," he said.

The Kabul government gave no

Raising of Mary Rose hits snag

PORTSMOUTH, England (R) — The recovery of the Tudor warship Mary Rose, the climax of a £4 million (\$7 million) underwater archaeological project, hit snags early Sunday.

Although the hull was raised to the surface during the night, parts of the high steel cage built to support it during the final lifting above the water were damaged.

Margaret Rule, archaeological director of the Mary Rose Trust, said there was still a possibility of raising the hull Sunday or Monday but engineers said the lifting might be delayed several weeks.

Mrs. Rule said there had been no damage to the excavated remains of the ancient hull, which sank in 1545.

When the delay was announced Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and patron of the Mary Rose Trust, had already arrived to see the expected recovery of the warship.

His ancestor, King Henry VIII, was watching from the shore when the Mary Rose went into battle against the French just off Portsmouth and was sunk by bad seamanship and quarrelling officers.

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Somali rebels reportedly join forces against Barre

NAIROBI (R) — Two Somali rebel groups have formed a common front to overthrow what they call the dictatorial regime of Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre, the rebels' clandestine radio Kulmis has reported.

Leaders of the Somali Salvation Democratic Front (SSDF) and Somali National Movement (SNM) met at an unspecified location on Oct. 7 to draw up a common political programme to implement after overthrowing President Siad Barre, the radio said.

Diplomats said announcement of the common front introduced new uncertainty into the already-troubled region.

Somalia has accused its traditional foe, Ethiopia, of attacking western Somali border towns in fighting which flared in June.

Ethiopia, which backs the SSDF, says that only SSDF rebels are involved and has accused the U.S. of worsening the conflict by agreeing to President Siad Barre's request for military aid.

A year ago, three Somali opposition groups merged to form the SSDF, and this latest move further strengthens the rebels.

The report, monitored in Nairobi, said the common programme sought the dismantling of U.S. military facilities in Somalia and closer cooperation between Somalia and Ethiopia.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

China attacks Reagan

PEKING (R) — China Sunday attacked President Ronald Reagan for the second time in two days, accusing him of violating the recent Sino-U.S. communique on Taiwan. The official People's Daily newspaper said remarks made by President Reagan at the White House on Wednesday made China's peaceful reunification a prerequisite for ending arms sales to Taiwan and violated the joint communique issued in August.

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan celebrated its national day Sunday with a call for the reunification of China under the three principles of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, founder of the Republic of China. President Chiang Ching-Kuo said difficulties facing the country would not daunt the people of Taiwan, who were struggling to unite China under the three principles of nationalism, democracy and social welfare. The 72-year-old nationalist leader did not stay to watch a military parade which, unlike previous ones, did not include missiles or jet fighters.

LOS ANGELES (R) — Brush fires raged out of control in two residential areas of southern California Saturday, causing millions of dollars of property damage and forcing people to flee their homes, local officials said. The so-called Bell Canyon fire raged over 30 kilometres to the Pacific Ocean, badly damaged 60 houses and threatened some million dollar houses in the exclusive oceanfront Malibu area, the Los Angeles fire brigade said. No one was injured.

MEXICO CITY (R) — At least six people were killed and more than 150 were injured when a building collapsed Saturday in the town of San Pedro Atocpan, police said Sunday. The stands collapsed as hundreds of spectators rushed to the arena's rim to watch the nearby helicopter arrival of matador Antonio Lomelin, spokesman for the Mexico City Red Cross and fire department said.

CHICAGO (R) — U.S. law enforcement officials investigating a \$1 million extortion threat against makers of the painkiller Tylenol are not sure if the threat is related to the poison deaths of seven people in the Chicago area last week. Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner said he doubts the extortion threat will prove to be relevant to the eventual solution of the Tylenol murder cases. Chicago police superintendent Richard Brzezczek said his department is "not sure at this point if someone is just capitalising on the scenario of events that took place" or whether the extortion threat was from whoever was responsible for the deaths.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (A.P.) — Disident Iranian Ayatollah Khomeini has pleaded for the release of his son-in-law Ali Akbar Abbasi who is charged with complicity in a plot to assassinate Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and topple the Islamic government, the official Iranian news agency IRNA, has reported. Shariatmadari, the spiritual leader of 13 million Turkish speaking Iranians in east Azerbaijan province, also "apologised" for learning about the plot but failing to inform the authorities, the agency said.

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Pope confers sainthood on victim of death camp

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul Sunday attacked the banning of the Polish Union Solidarity at a ceremony to confer sainthood on Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest who sacrificed his life in Auschwitz concentration camp.

The Polish pontiff, speaking before a crowd of 150,000 massed in St. Peter's Square, drew a direct link between Father Kolbe's stand for human dignity and what he called the violation of the fundamental rights of man in Poland.

His voice strained with emotion, the Pope said: "In this solemn day of the canonisation of Maximilian Kolbe, I ask all men of good will to pray for the Polish nation."

Several Polish flags and banners of the free trade union Solidarity, officially dissolved on Friday, billowed above the crowd. Some 5,000 Polish pilgrims, many of them depressed in their red and

white national costume, were among those present.

The Pope drew cheering and applause from the crowd when he alluded specifically to Solidarity, saying its dissolution "violates the basic rights of man and society."

The church had fought consistently to combat such violations in Poland.

Even before Sunday's ceremony, to which the Pope is known to have attached particular importance, the canonisation of Father Kolbe had become enmeshed with events in Poland. Polish prime minister Jozef